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SUBJ: TYPHOON DAMAGE TO COCONUT CROP

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TOFAS 13.

1. UNITED COCONUT ASSOCIATION PHILIPPINES INDICATES THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO DAMAGE REPORTS AS OF NOON JANUARY 28. THE TYPHOON APPROACHED SURIGAO, NORTHERN MINDANAO LATE FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 AND EXITED THE PHILIPPINES VIA PANAY EARLY SATURDAY. WIND VELOCITIES AS RECORDED BY THE WEATHER BUREAU WERE 130 KM/HR AS THE TYPHOON PASSED OVER NORTHERN MINDANAO; 100 KM/HR OVER BOHOL, CEBU, AND SOUTHERN LEYTE; 90 KM/HR OVER NEGROS; AND 85 KM/HR OVER PANAY.

2. UCAP WILL HAVE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT AUTHOR MY AND THE PHILIPPINE COCONUT PRODUCERS FEDERATION ON JANUARY 29. THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE TYPHOON DAMAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT Z ESE MEETINGS.

3. ALSO UNRELATED TO THE RECENT TYPHOON, NEW ESTIMATES OF THE 1974 AND 1975 COCONUT CROPS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM UCAP ON JANUARY 29. WE HOPE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH NEW FORECAST FOR THE 1974 AND 1975 COCONUT CROPS WITHIN 2 DAYS. WILL ALSO REPORT ANY NEW ASSESSMENT OF TYPHOON DAMAGE.

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